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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

Spring Dessert Tea
Plant Exchange

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PASTOR'S PONDERING

EASTER: THE GREAT SURPRISE

"Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!" — Luke 24:5,6 NIV.

The first Easter came as a great surprise. Even though (the Gospels tell us) Jesus told his disciples that he would be arrested and tried and condemned — that he would be put to death and rise again — their minds could not comprehend what he was saying.

It was beyond their experience to think that someone would rise from the dead to a new and greater kind of life. Of course it was. It's beyond all human experience — up to that point.

The women who came to the tomb that first Easter morning were simply coming to perform a final service (one of many) for the body of Jesus. But, they were met by a miracle. They came seeking the body of Jesus. But, he was no longer among the dead. "He is not here; he has risen!"

Where do we find Jesus now? Do we need to travel to Israel? Do we need to go to some church or follow some particular leader? No. Jesus is now among His people. "For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." — Matthew 18:20 NIV. Jesus Christ can now be found in all the world! Christ is among His people — people of many different races and languages and nationalities.

Where the Word of God is preached, and where people gather in faith to worship, Christ is present.

So, in light of the amazing event of Easter:

(1) Remember to be open to wonderful surprises. God has blessings for us — sometimes where we least expect it.

(2) Remember that death is not the end. In a sense, Jesus didn't really believe in death — He didn't believe that it was final. He said: "[God] is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive." — Luke 20:38 NIV. God remembers us in life — and God does not forget us in death.

(3) Remember that Christ has conquered sin & death. His victory is also ours. Sin and Death do not have the last word. Love wins. Christ wins. Life wins. There is always hope in Jesus Christ. Sin can be forgiven and overcome. Our lives can be renewed by the power of God's Spirit. Even death itself does not need to be something to fear. Christ has shown us the way.

And Christ can lead us into the future without fear! As God said through the Old Testament prophet Isaiah: "...do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand." (Isaiah 41:10 NRSV.)

God has wonderful surprises in store for God's people.

Pastor Craig L. Adams

May 2019

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

			<p>1 11:00 <i>Silver Seniors</i> @Cheshire Kitchen 7:00 Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>2 6:30 <i>Yarn w/ Purpose</i></p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 2:00 <i>WON Spring Tea</i></p>
<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 Voting Day 10:00 <i>Women's Bible Study</i></p>	<p>8 7:00 <i>Men's Bible Study</i></p>	<p>9 6:00 <i>SPRC</i> 6:30 <i>Yarn w/ Purpose</i></p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 10:00-1:00 <i>Plant Swap Bake & Book Sale</i></p>
<p>12 <i>Mother's Day</i></p>	<p>13 6:30 <i>WON Circle</i></p>	<p>14 5:30 <i>Trustees</i></p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 6:30 <i>Yarn w/ Purpose</i></p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19 <i>Thurlan Meredith Preaching</i></p>	<p>20 7:00 <i>Admin Team</i></p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 7:00 <i>Men's Bible Study</i></p>	<p>23 6:30 <i>Yarn w/ Purpose</i></p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 7:00 <i>Men's Bible Study</i></p>	<p>30 6:30 Yarn w/ Purpose <i>Annual Conf.</i></p>	<p>31 <i>Annual Conf. Grand Traverse Resort</i></p>	

Northlawn United Methodist Church 2019 Leadership Team

Administrative Team

Chairperson.....	Phil VanHammen
Finance Chair	Diane Ludwig
SPRC Co-Chairs.....	Judy VanLente/Sally Wesorick
Hospitality & Outreach Chair	Marti VanHorn
Trustee Chair	Sharron Myler
Lay Member to Annual Conference.....	
Women of Northlawn President.....	Ruth VanValkenburg
Worship Team	Jan Jager
Faith Development Chair	TBD
Congregational Care	John Secord
Member @ Large.....	Alan Claybaugh

CHURCH CALENDAR

ALL MINISTRY LEADERS...In order to ensure clear and concise communication, please make sure all meetings/ events are on the calendar in the office.

Northlawn is still collecting pop tabs, school box-tops labels and Campbell soup labels (we need the UPC code). A box is provided next to the Connection Corner.

Deadline for The Lamplighter Newsletter is the 17th of the previous month. All articles must be received by this date or they may not be included. You may email your articles to office@northlawnumc.org or leave them in Jennifer’s office mail slot. Thank you.

Help Earn Money for the Church!

If you use the internet for any type of search, you can use GoodSearch and a donation will be made to the church for every search and purchase you make over the internet. All proceeds go toward the mortgage principle. Here’s all you need to do:

Go goodserarch.com/nonprofit/Northlawn-united-Methodist.aspx. Click REGISTER NOW and begin raising money for Northlawn every time you search, or shop on line!



Food Needs at NECM

North End Community Ministry focuses on serving our surrounding community, by providing programs and services to equip our neighbors with practical skills and encourage a quality lifestyle for those in need.

- Canned Meats
- Canned Soups
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Boxed Potatoes
- Bagged/canned lentils
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Fruits
- Instant Jello or Pudding
- Salad Dressings
- Ramen Noodles
- Instant Powdered Milk
- Peanut Butter
- Snack Items: Granola Bars, Crackers, Chips, etc.
- Desserts-Baking Mixes: Cake, Brownies, Cookies
- Boxed Mac & Cheese
- Whole Grain Pasta
- Tomato Sauce
- Fruit Juice
- Cereal
- Condiments
- Personal Care Items
- Whole grains (rice, quinoa, rolled oats, snack bars, etc.)
- Beans
- Raw nuts, dried fruits

You Can Help

Donate items from these lists. Items may be dropped off at Northlawn (old coat room).

Northlawn volunteers deliver donations to NECM weekly.

Personal Care Pantry

Clients can receive personal care products once each month from NECM when they shop for food. Items that they can receive are:

- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Bar soap
- Shaving cream & razors
- Deodorant
- Laundry soap (when available)
- Shampoo/conditioner
- Lotion
- Feminine products (when available)

MAY VOLUNTEER LIST

Liturgists

- 5 David & Judy Lightfoot
- 12 Emmanuel Joshua
- 19 Colleen Moerdyk
- 26 TBD

Greeters

- 5 TBD
- 12 TBD
- 19 TBD
- 26 TBD

Connection Corner

If you would like to serve at Connection Corner, please sign up at Connection Corner.

Coffee Fellowship

- 5 David & Judy Lightfoot
- 12 Lyle & Hilda Russell
- 19 Doris Black
- 26 Doris Black

MAY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

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|--------------------|--------------------|
| 3 Dianne Robertson | 18 Sally Wesorick |
| 4 Emmie Yen | 19 Jane Lachniet |
| Noah Thompson | 21 John Ball |
| 5 Sharron Myler | 22 Jean Wilson |
| 6 Greg Wesorick | 26 Chuck Dennis |
| 7 Sharon Sumner | 27 John applegarth |
| 9 Dawne Bell | Jeff Yen |
| 16 Pat Schoop | 30 Gary McDonald |

ANNIVERSARIES

- 13 Jeff & Sharon Yen
- 20 Michelle & Alan Claybaugh
- 26 Bill & Doris Black

“Each day is a gift from God.”

Keep These People in Your Prayers

Bishop David A. Bard, Grand Rapids District Superintendent Rev. Dr. Margie Crawford, Rev. Craig L. Adams

Our prayers of sympathy and support are shared with:

The family of Wanda Tahey
Sandy Huartson & Family

Our prayers of caring and concern are shared with:

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| Marcia Loveless | Dee Roberts | Dorothy Spaulding |
| RuthAnn Buschert | Theresa Gorter-Hoff | Linda Meinke |
| Sharon Longstreth & Family | Ed Cavanaugh | |

“Nothing is too great, and nothing is too small to commit into the hands of the Lord.”

--A.W. Pink

CONTACT US

Email: @NorthlawnUMC.org

office@northlawnumc.org - All office communications, like bulletin and newsletter items

prayerchain@northlawnumc.org - Please send prayer requests. Sharon Sumner will continue to handle prayer chain

outreach@northlawnumc.org - Marti VanHorn is our new Outreach chair. If you have a question, idea, or especially if you would like to be part of the Outreach team contact Marti.

SPRC@northlawnumc.org - Contact Staff Perish Relations Committee Co-chairs Judy VanLente & Sally Wesorick using the SPRC email address.

DIRECTORY UPDATES

P. 8	Hallengren, Lucinda	Street address should be: 1319 Leonard St. NE
P. 9	Moerdyk, Roger & Colleen	Phone numbers are: Roger - 799-2649 Colleen - 460-8078
P. 10	Tahaney, Wanda	Deceased
P. 10	Bert Parker	631-820-5953
P. 10	Mike Roth	Phone Number: 616-250-1521 Email: coolman21372@yahoo.com
P. 11	Weidenfeller, Greg & Char	Last name misspelled
P. 8	Ball, Dawne	First name misspelled Email is djball99@att.net
P. 9	Joshua, Emmanuel	Email is: emmyjoshua@outlook.com

NEW NEIGHBORS

Northlawn volunteers have been hard at work updating the parsonage with minor repairs, fresh interior paint and a new dishwasher. After being empty for nearly a year, it will be wonderful to have our incoming pastor and wife Sara living next door. They plan to move in May. Welcome to the neighborhood Pastor Zach and Sara!

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

There are many signup sheets at Connection Corner. Stop by and sign up for one or many of the following opportunities:

- ⇒ Silver Senior Lunch
- ⇒ Liturgist
- ⇒ Coffee time
- ⇒ Greeting

Pastor Craig will be available on Mondays at Lucy's Café, 1747 Plainfield Ave NE, Grand Rapids, MI - 49505. He will be doing sermon planning and preparation but invites anyone who wants to stop by and get acquainted, to do so. He will be there from 7:30 am 'til around 11:00 am.

You Are Invited to the
SPRING DESSERT TEA

Sponsored by Women of Northlawn Circle

Saturday, May 4, 2019
2 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Enjoy FUN, FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP and benefit
our NURSERY UPDATES. Guests are welcome.

Sign up at the Connection Corner (please indicate number of guests) Questions:
Lee Grey, 361-8458 or Sharon Applegarth, 361-0239.



SILVER SENIORS! Wednesday, May 1, we will meet at CHESHIRE GRILL at 11 am. (Note: Time change....11:00 a.m.). You may order breakfast or lunch from the menu! Guests are welcome, just sign up at Connection Corner, please.

SUMMER LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Two Steps Forward - a Story of Persevering in Hope is the second book by Sharon Garlough Brown, author of Sensible Shoes. We will once again be with Hannah, Charissa, Mara and Meg as they share life with each other and with us. This will be an 8-week study in June and July. We will meet at church on Tuesday evenings from 7:00-8:00. The first time will be on June 4th where we will "meet and greet" each other, get our books and study guides and have a brief introduction to this wonderful time together! Let Betty Beck know if you are interested so she can order enough books (616-446-1973 phone or text).

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays at 7:00 pm
At the church
Led by Pastor Craig
The study is the book of 1 John.

GRADUATION CELEBRATION

Please join Emily Longstreth at an open house to celebrate her graduation from East Grand Rapids High School.
Saturday, June 1 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Manhattan Park Pavillion
430 Manhattan Street, East Grand Rapid

Thank You Sharon

Our wonderful church Administrative Assistant, Sharon Sumner, is retiring. We are so very thankful for Sharon's friendly, reliable, faith-filled work and are sad to lose her. At the same time, we are pleased to introduce our new Administrative Assistant, Jennifer Simpson. Jennifer previously worked at Birmingham First UMC. Jennifer's first day on the job was Tuesday, April 16. Office hours will be the same, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

PLANT EXCHANGE - WHAT'S IN YOUR GARDEN?

Share your extra plants at Northlawn's annual Plant Swap
If you can dig it, we need it.



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| Hosta | Bulb plants: tulips, Iris, | Bushes |
| Fern | Daffodils | Seedlings |
| Ground Cover : | Day Lilies | Trees |
| Ivy, Pachysandra, | Annuals and perennials | Bushes |
| Myrtle, | Sun loving or shade thriving | Seed packs |
| Lilly of the Valley | | |

Spring clean up is the perfect opportunity to share plants.
If it's taking over your garden, don't toss it. Dig, pot and share instead.

Swap, Trade, Donate in Northlawn's parking lot 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Share the fun at Northlawn on Saturday, May 11.

Bake Sale and Book Sale too.

Donate your specialty cookie. Clear your shelves of books you've already read. Watch for donation details in the bulletin announcements



YARN WITH PURPOSE

Join the crafters of Northlawn each Thursday evening at 6:30 for fellowship, support, and service projects. Prayer shawls, hats, mittens and baby items for those in need are constant group projects. Yarn, knitting needles, crochet hooks and lessons provided if you are new to knitting or crocheting.

CRAFT SHOW APPLICATIONS

Craft Show applications for our November 2nd Craft Show are now available at the secretary's desk.

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MISSION - Why We Are Here:

Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

